

Good afternoon Mr. Gordon,

We have received your request through Parks Canada regarding the Aboriginal involvement in the commemoration of the war.

The Government of Canada recognizes the significant contributions of Aboriginal peoples during the War of 1812. Without the participation of First Nations and Métis allies, resistance to invasion may not have been successful.

Over the next three years, the Government of Canada will provide support for community-based projects that commemorate the War of 1812 through the 1812 Commemoration Fund. The Fund complements other programs within the Department of Canadian Heritage that offer funding opportunities for projects related to the War of 1812. Aboriginal communities are invited to submit to the Department projects that tell the story of their ancestors' role in the War of 1812 and promote a better understanding among Canadians of their active participation in this nation-building event.

The Indian Associations Coordinating Committee of Ontario Inc. (Chiefs of Ontario) is an example of a project funded that recognizes aboriginal involvement.

<http://1812.gc.ca/eng/1332161053224/1332162005337>

The following page <http://1812.gc.ca/eng/1339781671061/1339782283638> will direct you to the websites of War of 1812 regional and community organizations, where you will find calendars of activities. Please note that these calendars are updated as events get confirmed. These groups should be contacted directly for additional information on events.

Please visit <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1338906261900/1338906300039> for more information on Aboriginal Contributions to the War of 1812.

Thank you,

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